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Applicants: Jean-Claude CHERMANN *et al.*

Title: VACCINE AGAINST INFECTIOUS AGENTS HAVING AN
INTRACELLULAR PHASE, COMPOSITION FOR THE TREATMENT
AND PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTIONS, ANTIBODIES AND
METHOD OF DIAGNOSIS

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002,
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-25, without prejudice or disclaimer, and kindly add the
following new claims:

26. (New) An antibody which binds to at least one isolated β 2-microglobulin
cryptic epitope, said epitope has 15 amino acids or less and comprises an amino acid
sequence, Pro-Lys-Ile.

27. (New) A composition comprising at least one antibody according to claim
26.

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